(c) and (d) None of the non-Narcotic pain-killers have dangerous effects out weighting their therapeutic effects. However, like all drugs, these pain killers have their characteristic side-effects. These side-effects are known to the prescribers and in many cases can be minimized by judicious use of these drugs.

(e) to (h) Fixed dose combinations of corticostercids with other drugs have been banned by the Government. However some manufacturers got stay orders from various Courts of Law against banning of such a combination.

**Drugs not included in First Schedule of Drugs Price Control Order**

770. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the drugs of the National Health Programmes which are not included in First schedule of Drugs Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) what are the reasons for the exclusion of the same and whether any committee was set up to review category-I list;

(c) what are the findings of this committee and by when decision on these findings would be taken; and

(d) by when the findings of the committee would be made public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Ministry has so far recommended drugs for the following eight National Health Programmes to the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals for inclusion in Category-I.

1. National Malaria Eradication Programme.

2. National T.B. Control Programme.

3. National Filaria Control Programme.

4. National Programme for prevention of visual impairment and control of blindness.

5. Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme.

6. National Goitre Control Programme.

7. Universal Programme on immunisation.

8. National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

The Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1987 announced by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, however did not include drugs/vaccine used in National Goitre and Expanded Programme on Immunisation Programmes. Antibiotics, Iron, Folic Acid and Vitamin A required for STD Control Programme and Maternal & Child Health programme were not recommended finally by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. As no specific drugs are identified for AIDS control,, recommendations were not send for this programme also.

(b) to (d) The Kelkar Committee considered that in future the updated technology of production of Sera and Vaccines would replace the existing ones. The newer technology would be capital intensive. In order to motivate manufacturers, the Committee did not include Sera, Vaccines under price control. Iodine salt used in Goitre Programme was considered food item and not a drug.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare also appointed an Expert Committee to review and examine representations and suggestions for inclusion of drugs in Category I of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. The Committee submitted its report in November, 1988 and its report containing the review of drugs including drugs required for S.T.D. Control and Maternal and Child Health is under examination.